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Environmental Protection Agency 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

RE: Duff to Coleman EHV 345 kV Transmission Line Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Republic Transmission, LLC (Republic), has been designated by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to design, construct, own, and operate a new single circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line. Republic is a partnership between LS Power and Hoosier Energy. In addition, Republic has teamed with Big Rivers Electric Corporation on this important project.

The transmission line will be constructed between the existing Duff Substation located in Dubois County, Indiana and the existing Coleman Extra High Voltage (EHV) Substation located in Hancock County, Kentucky. The transmission line is estimated to be approximately 33 miles in length depending on the ultimate route constructed. Please refer to the enclosed map depicting the project study area and the transmission line end points.

Republic and its consultants are preparing a Routing Analysis for the transmission line. The Republic team is currently gathering data on the existing environment and identifying environmental and land use constraints within the study area that will be used to create an environmental and land use constraints map. The Republic team will utilize this information to identify potential alternative routes that consider environmental and land use constraints.

We are respectfully requesting that your office provide information concerning environmental and land use constraints or other issues of interest within the study area. Your comments will be an important consideration in the evaluation of alternative routes and assessment of impacts. If your jurisdiction has approvals and/or permits that would apply to this project, please identify them in response to this inquiry. If permits are required from your office, the Republic team will contact your office following the selection of the final route.

Thank you for your assistance with this electric transmission line project. Please contact me at (636) 532-2200 or by email at dmulvey@LSPower.com, if you have any questions or require additional information. Your earliest reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Douglas Mulvey, P.E.

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Enclosures: as noted

